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NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION RECLAMATION PERMIT NO. 0227 Hecla Ventures Corporation

Hollister Development Block Project

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has decided to issue Reclamation Permit, No. 0227, for a Exploration Project to Hecla Ventures Corporation. This permit authorizes Hecla Ventures Corporation to reclaim the Hollister Development Block Project. This Project is located entirely on 51.5 acres of public land in Elko County, Nevada and occurs mostly on a previously disturbed pit area. The Division has been provided with an application, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 519A to assure the Division that Hecla Ventures Corporation, will leave the project site safe, stable, and capable of providing for a productive post-mining land use.

This permit will become final May 1st, 2004 .The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to NAC 519A.415. The appeal must be filed by April 30th 2004 at 5:00 PM and in accordance with Administrative rules of the Environmental Commission.